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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

The Office Action dated October 9, 2002, indicated that claims 1-6 and 9-14 stand rejected under §102(e) as being anticipated by *Wiesler et al.* (US2001/0047222); claims 8 and 15 stand rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wiesler et al.* in view of *Terao* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,191,535); and the terminal disclaimer filed on September 10, 2002 has been accepted.

Applicant respectfully traverses the §102(e) rejection as the cited '222 publication is not prior art and fails to teach or suggest all aspects of the claimed invention. First,

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